

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An optical disk device comprising a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk recording medium, wherein the control section is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center of the pickup, and for not performing tracking processing until the offset amount is not greater than a predetermined value, in order to carry out tracking after said control section effects kicking.

4. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk recording medium, wherein the control section is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center of the pickup a plurality of times before said control section effects kicking, said offset amount being input from the pickup, and for effecting kicking when the offset amount is reduced at the time of each measurement and a latest offset amount is within a predetermined range.

5. (Currently Amended) The optical disk device according to claim 4, wherein the control section is for changing the predetermined value and for comparing the predetermined value with the offset amounts measured several times depending on a number of tracks ~~to be jumped by said~~ for kicking.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A track hold control method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk recording medium, the method comprising:

providing a pickup comprising a lens;

measuring several times before a control section effects kicking, an offset amount of the lens relative to the center of the pickup, and effecting kicking when the offset amount is reduced at the time of each measurement and a latest offset amount is within a predetermined range.

11. (Currently Amended) The track hold control method according to claim 10, further comprising comparing the predetermined value with the offset amounts measured several times and changing the predetermined value depending on the number of tracks ~~to be jumped by said~~ for kicking.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

13. (New) The device according to claim 4 wherein the predetermined range is adjustable according to the magnitude of kicking.

14. (New) The device according to claim 4 wherein the predetermined range for a lesser magnitude of kicking is wider than the predetermined range for a greater magnitude of kicking.

15. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the predetermined range is adjusted according to the magnitude of kicking.

16. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the predetermined range for a lesser magnitude of kicking is wider than the predetermined range for a greater magnitude of kicking.